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**AN ACT CONSOLIDATING DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Not later than February  
2 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and  
3 Community Development shall submit a report to the joint standing  
4 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
5 relating to economic development and to the select committee on  
6 housing, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
7 general statutes. Said report shall include, but not be limited to, the  
8 following information with regard to the activities of the Department  
9 of Economic and Community Development during the preceding state  
10 fiscal year:

11 (1) A brief description and assessment of the state's economy during  
12 such year, utilizing the most recent and reasonably available data, and  
13 including:

14 (A) Connecticut employment by industry;

15 (B) Connecticut and national average unemployment;

16 (C) Connecticut gross state product, by industry;

17 (D) Connecticut productivity, by industry, compared to the national

18 average;

19 (E) Connecticut manufacturing activity;

20 (F) Identification of economic and competitive conditions affecting  
21 Connecticut's industry sectors, problems resulting from these  
22 conditions and state efforts to address the problems; and

23 (G) Any other economic information that the commissioner deems  
24 appropriate.

25 (2) A statement of the department's economic and community  
26 development objectives, measures of program success and standards  
27 for granting financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs  
28 administered by the department.

29 (3) An analysis of the economic development portfolio of the  
30 department, including:

31 (A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of  
32 the department's assistance;

33 (B) The following information concerning each recipient of such  
34 assistance: (i) Business activities, (ii) standard industrial classification  
35 codes or North American industrial classification codes, (iii) number of  
36 full-time jobs and part-time jobs at the time of application, (iv) number  
37 of actual full-time jobs and actual part-time jobs at application during  
38 the preceding state fiscal year, (v) whether the recipient is a minority  
39 or woman-owned business, (vi) a summary of the terms and  
40 conditions for the assistance, including the type and amount of state  
41 financial assistance, job creation or retention requirements and  
42 anticipated wage rates, (vii) the amount of investments from private  
43 and other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by the assistance,  
44 (viii) the extent to which employees of the recipient participate in  
45 health benefit plans offered by such recipient, (ix) the extent to which  
46 the recipient offers unique economic, social, cultural or aesthetic  
47 attributes to the municipality in which the recipient is located or to the

48 state, and (x) the amount of state investment;

49 (C) A portfolio analysis, including (i) an analysis of the wages paid  
50 by recipients of financial assistance, (ii) the average portfolio wage,  
51 median portfolio wage, highest and lowest portfolio wage, (iii)  
52 portfolio wage data by industry, and (iv) portfolio wage data by  
53 municipality;

54 (D) An investment analysis, including (i) total portfolio value, (ii)  
55 total investment by industry, (iii) portfolio dollar per job average, (iv)  
56 portfolio leverage ratio, and (v) percentage of financial assistance  
57 which was provided to high performance work organizations in the  
58 preceding state fiscal year; and

59 (E) An analysis of the estimated economic effects of the  
60 department's economic development investments on the state's  
61 economy, including (i) contribution to gross state product for the total  
62 economic development portfolio and for any investment activity  
63 occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect  
64 employment created by the investments for the total portfolio and for  
65 any investment activity occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii)  
66 productivity of recipients of financial assistance as a result of the  
67 department's investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year,  
68 (iv) directly or indirectly increased property values in the  
69 municipalities in which the recipients of assistance are located, and (v)  
70 personal income.

71 (4) An analysis of the community development portfolio of the  
72 department, including:

73 (A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of  
74 the department's assistance;

75 (B) The following information concerning each recipient of such  
76 assistance: (i) Amount of state investment, (ii) a summary of the terms  
77 and conditions for the department's assistance, including the type and  
78 amount of state financial assistance, and (iii) the amount of

79 investments from private and other nonstate sources that have been  
80 leveraged by such assistance;

81 (C) An investment analysis, including (i) total active portfolio value,  
82 (ii) total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) total  
83 portfolio by municipality, (iv) total investments made in the preceding  
84 state fiscal year categorized by municipality, (v) total portfolio  
85 leverage ratio, and (vi) leverage ratio of the total investments made in  
86 the preceding state fiscal year; and

87 (D) An analysis of the estimated economic effects of the  
88 department's economic development investments on the state's  
89 economy, including (i) contribution to gross state product for the total  
90 portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding  
91 state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect employment created by the  
92 investments for the total portfolio and for any investment activity  
93 occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) productivity of  
94 recipients of financial assistance as a result of the department's  
95 investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) directly or  
96 indirectly increased property values in the municipalities in which the  
97 recipients are located, and (v) personal income.

98 (5) A summary of the department's economic and community  
99 development marketing efforts in the preceding state fiscal year, and a  
100 summary of the department's business recruitment strategies and  
101 activities in such year.

102 (6) A summary of the department's international trade efforts in the  
103 preceding state fiscal year, and, to the extent possible, a summary of  
104 foreign direct investment that occurred in the state in such year.

105 (7) Identification of existing economic clusters, the formation of new  
106 economic clusters and the measures taken by the commissioner during  
107 the preceding state fiscal year to encourage the growth of economic  
108 clusters.

109 (8) (A) A summary of the department's brownfield related efforts

110 and activities in the preceding state fiscal year, except for activity  
111 under the Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance  
112 Fund program. Such efforts shall include, but not be limited to (i) total  
113 portfolio investment in brownfield remediation projects, (ii) total  
114 investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state  
115 fiscal year, (iii) total number of brownfield remediation projects, (iv)  
116 total number of brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state  
117 fiscal year, (v) total of reclaimed and remediated acreage, (vi) total of  
118 reclaimed and remediated acreage in the preceding state fiscal year,  
119 (vii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio investment in brownfield  
120 remediation projects, and (viii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio  
121 investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state  
122 fiscal year. Such summary shall include a list of such brownfield  
123 remediation projects and, for each such project, the name of the  
124 developer and the location by street address and municipality; and

125 (B) A summary of the department's efforts with regard to the  
126 Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund,  
127 including, but not limited to, (i) the number of applications received in  
128 the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) the number and amounts of loans  
129 made in such year, (iii) the names of the applicants for such loans, (iv)  
130 the average time period between submission of application and the  
131 decision to grant or deny the loan, (v) a list of the applications  
132 approved and the applications denied and the reasons for such  
133 denials, and (vi) for each project, the location by street address and  
134 municipality.

135 (9) The following concerning enterprise zones designated under  
136 section 32-70 of the general statutes:

137 (A) A statement of the current goals for enterprise zones;

138 (B) A statement of the current performance standards to measure  
139 the progress of municipalities that have enterprise zones in attaining  
140 the goals for such zones;

141 (C) A report from each municipality that has an enterprise zone,

142 which evaluates the progress of the municipality in meeting the  
143 performance standards established under subsection (a) of section 32-  
144 70a of the general statutes; and

145 (D) An assessment of the performance of each enterprise zone based  
146 on information collected under subparagraph (C) of this subdivision.

147 (10) With regard to the department's housing development related  
148 functions and activities:

149 (A) A brief description and assessment of the state's housing market  
150 during the preceding state fiscal year, utilizing the most recent and  
151 reasonably available data, and including, but not be limited to, (i) a  
152 brief description of the significant characteristics of such market,  
153 including supply, demand and condition and cost of housing, and (ii)  
154 any other information that the commissioner deems appropriate;

155 (B) An analysis of the progress of the public and private sector  
156 toward meeting housing needs in the state, using building permit data  
157 from the United States Census Bureau and demolition data from  
158 Connecticut municipalities;

159 (C) A list of municipalities that meet the affordable housing criteria  
160 set forth in subsection (k) of section 8-30g of the general statutes, as  
161 amended by this act, pursuant to regulations that the Commissioner of  
162 Economic and Community Development shall adopt pursuant to the  
163 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes. For the purpose of  
164 determining the percentage required by subsection (k) of said section  
165 8-30g, the commissioner shall use as the denominator the number of  
166 dwelling units in the municipality, as reported in the most recent  
167 United States decennial census;

168 (D) A statement of the department's housing development  
169 objectives, measures of program success and standards for granting  
170 financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs administered by  
171 said commissioner.

172 (11) A presentation of the state funded housing development  
173 portfolio of the department, including:

174 (A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of  
175 such assistance; and

176 (B) For each such recipient, (i) a summary of the terms and  
177 conditions for the assistance, including the type and amount of state  
178 financial assistance, (ii) the amount of investments from private and  
179 other non-state sources that have been leveraged by the assistance, (iii)  
180 the number of new units to be created and the number of units to be  
181 preserved at the time of the application, and (iv) the number of actual  
182 new units created and number of units preserved.

183 (12) An analysis of the state funded housing development portfolio  
184 of the department, including:

185 (A) An investment analysis, including the (i) total active portfolio  
186 value, (ii) total investment made in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii)  
187 portfolio dollar per new unit created, (iv) estimated dollars per new  
188 unit created for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding  
189 state fiscal year, (v) portfolio dollars per unit preserved, (vi) estimated  
190 dollar per unit preserved for projects receiving an assistance award in  
191 the preceding state fiscal year, (vii) portfolio leverage ratio, and (viii)  
192 leverage ratio for housing development investments made in the  
193 preceding state fiscal year; and

194 (B) A production and preservation analysis, including the (i) total  
195 number of units created, itemized by municipality for the total  
196 portfolio and projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding  
197 state fiscal year, (ii) total number of elderly units created for the total  
198 portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the  
199 preceding state fiscal year, (iii) total number of family units created for  
200 the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the  
201 preceding state fiscal year, (iv) total number of units preserved,  
202 itemized by municipality for the total portfolio and projects receiving  
203 an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (v) total number

204 of elderly units preserved for the total portfolio and for projects  
205 receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (vi)  
206 total number of family units preserved for the total portfolio and for  
207 projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal  
208 year, (vii) an analysis by income group, of households served by the  
209 department's housing construction, substantial rehabilitation, purchase  
210 and rental assistance programs, for each housing development, if  
211 applicable, and for each program, including number of households  
212 served under each program by race and data for all households, and  
213 (viii) a summary of the department's efforts in promoting fair housing  
214 choice and racial and economic integration including data on the racial  
215 composition of the occupants and persons on the waiting list of each  
216 housing project that is assisted under any housing program  
217 established by the general statutes or a special act or that is supervised  
218 by the department, provided no information shall be required to be  
219 disclosed by any occupant or person on a waiting list for the  
220 preparation of such summary. As used in this subparagraph, "elderly  
221 units" means dwelling units for which occupancy is restricted by age,  
222 and "family units" means dwelling units for which occupancy is not  
223 restricted by age.

224 (13) An economic impact analysis of the department's housing  
225 development efforts and activities, including, but not limited to:

226 (A) The contribution of such efforts and activities to the gross state  
227 product;

228 (B) The direct and indirect employment created by the investments  
229 for the total housing development portfolio and for any investment  
230 activity for such portfolio occurring in the preceding state fiscal year;  
231 and

232 (C) Personal income in the state.

233 (14) With regard to the department's energy conservation loan  
234 program:



235 (A) The number of loans or deferred loans made during the  
236 preceding fiscal year under each component of such program and the  
237 total amount of the loans or deferred loans made during such fiscal  
238 year under each such component;

239 (B) A description of each step of the loan or deferred loan  
240 application and review process;

241 (C) The location of each loan or deferred loan application intake site  
242 for such program;

243 (D) The average period for the processing of loan or deferred loan  
244 applications during such fiscal year; and

245 (E) The total administrative expenses of such program for such  
246 fiscal year.

247 (15) A summary of the total social and economic impact of the  
248 department's efforts and activities in the areas of economic,  
249 community and housing development and an assessment of the  
250 department's performance in terms of meeting its stated goals and  
251 objectives.

252 Sec. 2. Subsection (k) of section 8-30g of the general statutes is  
253 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
254 *October 1, 2005*):

255 (k) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (j),  
256 inclusive, of this section, the affordable housing appeals procedure  
257 established under this section shall not be available if the real property  
258 which is the subject of the application is located in a municipality in  
259 which at least ten per cent of all dwelling units in the municipality are  
260 (1) assisted housing, or (2) currently financed by Connecticut Housing  
261 Finance Authority mortgages, or (3) subject to binding recorded deeds  
262 containing covenants or restrictions which require that such dwelling  
263 units be sold or rented at, or below, prices which will preserve the  
264 units as housing for which persons and families pay thirty per cent or

265 less of income, where such income is less than or equal to eighty per  
266 cent of the median income, or (4) mobile manufactured homes located  
267 in mobile manufactured home parks or legally-approved accessory  
268 apartments, which homes or apartments are subject to binding  
269 recorded deeds containing covenants or restrictions which require that  
270 such dwelling units be sold or rented at, or below, prices which will  
271 preserve the units as housing for which, for a period of not less than  
272 ten years, persons and families pay thirty per cent or less of income,  
273 where such income is less than or equal to eighty per cent of the  
274 median income. [The Commissioner of Economic and Community  
275 Development shall, pursuant to regulations adopted under the  
276 provisions of chapter 54, promulgate a list of municipalities which  
277 satisfy the criteria contained in this subsection and shall update such  
278 list not less than annually. For the purpose of determining the  
279 percentage required by this subsection, the commissioner shall use as  
280 the denominator the number of dwelling units in the municipality, as  
281 reported in the most recent United States decennial census.] The  
282 municipalities meeting the criteria set forth in this subsection shall be  
283 listed in the report submitted under section 1 of this act. As used in  
284 this subsection, "accessory apartment" means a separate living unit  
285 that (A) is attached to the main living unit of a house, which house has  
286 the external appearance of a single-family residence, (B) has a full  
287 kitchen, (C) has a square footage that is not more than thirty per cent of  
288 the total square footage of the house, (D) has an internal doorway  
289 connecting to the main living unit of the house, (E) is not billed  
290 separately from such main living unit for utilities, and (F) complies  
291 with the building code and health and safety regulations.

292 Sec. 3. Section 8-37s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
293 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

294 The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall  
295 monitor the progress of the public and private sector toward meeting  
296 housing needs and shall collect and annually publish data on housing  
297 production in the state. [Such data shall be submitted to the Governor,  
298 General Assembly and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and

299 Management on or before March first of each year.] In order to ensure  
300 a steady flow of information for the purposes of this section, all  
301 municipalities shall submit to the commissioner a copy of the monthly  
302 federal Bureau of the Census report on building permits issued and  
303 public construction filed at the same time as such report is filed with  
304 the federal Bureau of the Census.

305 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 8-37bb of the general statutes is  
306 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
307 *October 1, 2005*):

308 (a) On or before December 31, 1991, and annually thereafter, each  
309 housing agency, except the Department of Economic and Community  
310 Development, shall submit to the General Assembly a report, for the  
311 year ending the preceding September thirtieth, which analyzes by  
312 income group, households served by its housing construction,  
313 substantial rehabilitation, purchase and rental assistance programs.  
314 Each report submitted after December 31, 1991, shall analyze the  
315 households served under each program by race. The analysis shall  
316 provide information by housing development, if applicable, and by  
317 program. Each analysis shall include data for all households (1)  
318 entering an agency program during the year ending the preceding  
319 September thirtieth, and (2) in occupancy or receiving the benefits of  
320 an agency rental program the preceding September thirtieth. The  
321 report of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority shall also  
322 identify, by census tract, the number of households served in each  
323 program and the total amount of financial assistance provided to such  
324 households. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to  
325 preclude a housing agency from reporting additional information on  
326 programs it administers. Each report submitted under this section shall  
327 also analyze the efforts, and the results of such efforts, of each agency  
328 in promoting fair housing choice and racial and economic integration.  
329 The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require an  
330 occupant or applicant to disclose his race on an application or survey  
331 form. [The Department of Economic and Community Development  
332 shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this section

333 upon submission by said department of the long-range state housing  
334 plan and annual update in accordance with section 8-37t, provided  
335 such plan and annual update contain the information required to be  
336 reported by this section.]

337 Sec. 5. Section 16a-40b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
338 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

339 (a) The commissioner, acting on behalf of the state, may, with  
340 respect to loans for which funds have been authorized by the State  
341 Bond Commission prior to July 1, 1992, in his discretion make low-cost  
342 loans or deferred loans to residents of this state for the purchase and  
343 installation in residential structures of insulation, alternative energy  
344 devices, energy conservation materials and replacement furnaces and  
345 boilers, approved in accordance with regulations to be adopted by the  
346 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. In the purchase and  
347 installation of insulation in new residential structures, only that  
348 insulation which exceeds the requirements of the State Building Code  
349 shall be eligible for such loans or deferred loans. The commissioner  
350 may also make low-cost loans or deferred loans to persons in the state  
351 residing in dwellings constructed not later than December 31, 1979,  
352 and for which the primary source of heating since such date has been  
353 electricity, for the purchase of a secondary heating system using a  
354 source of heat other than electricity or for the conversion of a primary  
355 electric heating system to a system using a source of heat other than  
356 electricity.

357 (b) Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section, any such  
358 loan or deferred loan shall be available only for a residential structure  
359 containing not more than four dwelling units, shall be not less than  
360 four hundred dollars and not more than six thousand dollars per  
361 structure and, with respect to any application received on or after  
362 November 29, 1979, shall be made only to an applicant who submits  
363 evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the adjusted gross  
364 income of the household member or members who contribute to the  
365 support of his household was not in excess of one hundred fifty per

366 cent of the median area income by household size. In the case of a  
367 deferred loan, the contract shall require that payments on interest are  
368 due immediately but that payments on principal may be made at a  
369 later time. Repayment of all loans made under this subsection shall be  
370 subject to a rate of interest to be determined in accordance with  
371 subsection (t) of section 3-20 and such terms and conditions as the  
372 commissioner may establish. The State Bond Commission shall  
373 establish a range of rates of interest payable on all loans under this  
374 subsection and shall apply the range to applicants in accordance with a  
375 formula which reflects their income. Such range shall be not less than  
376 zero per cent for any applicant in the lowest income class and not more  
377 than one per cent above the rate of interest borne by the general  
378 obligation bonds of the state last issued prior to the most recent date  
379 such range was established for any applicant for whom the adjusted  
380 gross income of the household member or members who contribute to  
381 the support of his household was at least one hundred fifteen per cent  
382 of the median area income by household size.

383 (c) The commissioner shall establish a program under which he  
384 shall make funds deposited in the Energy Conservation Loan Fund  
385 available for low-cost loans or deferred loans under subsection (a) of  
386 this section for residential structures containing more than four  
387 dwelling units, or for contracts guaranteeing payment of loans or  
388 deferred loans provided by private institutions for such structures for  
389 the purposes specified under subsection (a) of this section. Any such  
390 loan or deferred loan shall be an amount equaling not more than one  
391 thousand dollars multiplied by the number of dwelling units in such  
392 structure, provided no such loan or deferred loan shall exceed thirty  
393 thousand dollars. If the applicant seeks a loan or deferred loan for a  
394 structure containing more than thirty dwelling units, he shall include  
395 in his application a commitment to make comparable energy  
396 improvements of benefit to all dwelling units in the structure in  
397 addition to the thirty units which are eligible for the loan or deferred  
398 loan. Applications for contracts of guarantee shall be limited to  
399 structures containing not more than thirty dwelling units and the

400 amount of the guarantee shall be not more than fifteen hundred dollars  
401 for each dwelling unit benefiting from the loan or deferred loan. There  
402 shall not be an income eligibility limitation for applicants for such  
403 loans, deferred loans or guarantees, but the commissioner shall give  
404 preference to applications for loans, deferred loans or guarantees for  
405 such structures which are occupied by persons of low or moderate  
406 income. Repayment of such loans or deferred loans shall be subject to  
407 such rates of interest, terms and conditions as the commissioner shall  
408 establish. The state shall have a lien on each property for which a loan,  
409 deferred loan or guarantee has been made under this section to ensure  
410 compliance with such terms and conditions.

411 (d) With respect to such loans made on or after July 1, 1981, all  
412 repayments of principal shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit  
413 in the Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund. The interest  
414 applicable to any such loans made shall be paid to the State Treasurer  
415 for deposit in the General Fund. After the close of each fiscal year,  
416 commencing with the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, and  
417 prior to the date of the calculation required under subsection (f) of this  
418 section and subsection (f) of section 32-317, the Commissioner of  
419 Economic and Community Development shall cause any balance of  
420 loan repayments under this section remaining in said fund to be  
421 transferred to the energy conservation revolving loan account created  
422 pursuant to section 32-316.

423 (e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with  
424 chapter 54, (1) concerning qualifications for such loans or deferred  
425 loans, requirements and limitations as to adjustments of terms and  
426 conditions of repayment and any additional requirements deemed  
427 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and to assure that  
428 those tax-exempt bonds and notes used to fund such loans or deferred  
429 loans qualify for exemption from federal income taxation, (2)  
430 providing for the maximum feasible availability of such loans or  
431 deferred loans for dwelling units owned or occupied by persons of low  
432 and moderate income, (3) establishing procedures to inform such  
433 persons of the availability of such loans or deferred loans and to

434 encourage and assist them to apply for such loans or deferred loans,  
435 and (4) providing that (A) the interest payments received from the  
436 recipients of loans or deferred loans made on and after July 1, 1982,  
437 less the expenses incurred by the commissioner in the implementation  
438 of the program of loans, deferred loans and loan guarantees under this  
439 section, and (B) the payments received from electric and gas  
440 companies under subsection (f) of this section shall be applied to  
441 reimburse the General Fund for interest on the outstanding bonds and  
442 notes used to fund such loans or deferred loans made on or after July  
443 1, 1982.

444 (f) Not later than August first, annually, the commissioner shall  
445 calculate the difference between (1) the weighted average of the  
446 percentage rates of interest payable on all subsidized loans made (A)  
447 after July 1, 1982, from the Energy Conservation Loan Fund, (B) from  
448 the Home Heating System Loan Fund established under section 16a-  
449 40k, and (C) from the Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund  
450 pursuant to this section, and (2) the average of the percentage rates of  
451 interest on any bonds and notes issued pursuant to section 3-20, which  
452 have been dedicated to the energy conservation loan program and  
453 used to fund such loans, and multiply such difference by the  
454 outstanding amount of all such loans, or such lesser amount as may be  
455 required under Section 103(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or  
456 any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United  
457 States, as from time to time amended. The product of such difference  
458 and such applicable amount shall not exceed six per cent of the sum of  
459 the outstanding principal amount at the end of each fiscal year of all  
460 loans or deferred loans made (A) on or after July 1, 1982, from the  
461 Energy Conservation Loan Fund, (B) from the Home Heating System  
462 Loan Fund established under section 16a-40k, and (C) from the  
463 Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund pursuant to this  
464 section, and the balance remaining in the Energy Conservation Loan  
465 Fund and the balance of energy conservation loan repayments in the  
466 Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund. Not later than  
467 September first, annually, the Department of Public Utility Control

468 shall allocate such product among each electric and gas company  
469 having at least seventy-five thousand customers, in accordance with a  
470 formula taking into account, without limitation, the average number of  
471 residential customers of each company. Not later than October first,  
472 annually, each such company shall pay its assessed amount to the  
473 commissioner. The commissioner shall pay to the State Treasurer for  
474 deposit in the General Fund all such payments from electric and gas  
475 companies, and shall adopt procedures to assure that such payments  
476 are not used for purposes other than those specifically provided in this  
477 section. The department shall include each company's payment as an  
478 operating expense of the company for the purposes of rate-making  
479 under section 16-19.

480 [(g) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
481 shall, not later than the seventh of January annually, submit a report to  
482 the General Assembly on the programs established under this section.  
483 Such report shall: (1) Indicate the number of loans or deferred loans  
484 made during the preceding fiscal year under each component of each  
485 such program and the total amount of the loans or deferred loans  
486 made during such fiscal year under each such component, (2) describe  
487 each step of the loan or deferred loan application and review process,  
488 (3) indicate the location of each loan or deferred loan application  
489 intake site for such programs, (4) indicate the average period for the  
490 processing of loan or deferred loan applications during such fiscal year  
491 and (5) indicate the total administrative expenses of such programs for  
492 such fiscal year.]

493 Sec. 6. Subsection (e) of section 22a-133u of the general statutes is  
494 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
495 *October 1, 2005*):

496 (e) (1) There is established a Special Contaminated Property  
497 Remediation and Insurance Fund Advisory Board to review  
498 applications for loans from said fund under this section. The board  
499 shall consist of one member representing a municipality, appointed by  
500 the speaker of the House of Representatives; one member representing



501 a bank, appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; one member  
502 who has experience in the field of contaminated property remediation,  
503 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; one  
504 member representing a municipality, appointed by the president pro  
505 tempore of the Senate; one member representing a bank, appointed by  
506 the minority leader of the House of Representatives; one member who  
507 has experience in the field of contaminated property remediation,  
508 appointed by the Governor; and one member representing a  
509 municipality, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. The  
510 board shall annually elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

511 (2) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
512 in consultation with said board shall establish criteria for (A) making  
513 disbursements under subsection (b) of this section which criteria shall  
514 include, but not be limited to, anticipated commercial value of the  
515 property, potential tax revenue to the relevant municipality,  
516 environmental or public health risk posed by the spill, potential  
517 community or economic development benefit to the relevant  
518 municipality, the status of any loans previously made under said  
519 subsection to the municipality and potential for restoration of an  
520 abandoned property, and (B) cancelling loans related to a property at  
521 which the borrower of the loan elects not to proceed with remediation.  
522 Such criteria shall further set forth the procedure for applying for a  
523 loan from the fund and the procedure to be used for evaluation of such  
524 an application. In approving any loan under said subsection to any  
525 person, firm or corporation, the board may consider the loan  
526 applicant's credit history and economic solvency, any plan of such  
527 applicant for business development, municipal support for the  
528 proposed use of the property and any existing indebtedness of such  
529 applicant to any entity. Upon application for any such loan, the board  
530 shall make a recommendation to the Commissioner of Economic and  
531 Community Development regarding such loan. [On or before February  
532 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, said board and the Commissioner of  
533 Economic and Community Development shall submit a report to the  
534 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance

535 of matters relating to the environment regarding the number of  
 536 applications received, and the number and amounts of loans made in  
 537 the preceding year, the names of the applicants, the time period  
 538 between submission of application and the decision to grant or deny  
 539 the loan, which applications were approved and which applications  
 540 were denied and the reasons for denial.] On or before February 1, 2003,  
 541 the board shall recommend to the joint standing committee of the  
 542 General Assembly whether the payments to the State Treasurer  
 543 pursuant to section 12-63f are sufficient for the continued solvency of  
 544 the Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund  
 545 and whether such payments should continue.

546 Sec. 7. Section 32-454 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 547 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

548 (a) Each awarding authority shall require each recipient of economic  
 549 development financial assistance for a threshold project to report  
 550 annually to the authority on its progress toward achieving the public  
 551 policy objectives which they have agreed to under subsection (b) of  
 552 section 32-453. The awarding authority shall provide a copy of such  
 553 report (1) to the chief elected official of the municipality in which the  
 554 project will be located, upon the request of such official, and (2) to any  
 555 employee representatives of the business, upon the request of such  
 556 representatives.

557 (b) Upon submitting each biannual report required under [section  
 558 32-1i,] subsection (c) of section 32-11a or section 32-47a, each awarding  
 559 authority under said provisions shall transmit a report on each  
 560 threshold project (1) to the chief elected official of each municipality in  
 561 which the project is located, upon the request of such official, and (2) to  
 562 any employee representatives of the business, upon the request of such  
 563 representatives. Each report shall include a notice indicating that (A)  
 564 the information in the report is also being submitted to the joint  
 565 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 566 matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community  
 567 Development, appropriations and capital bonding, and (B) comments,

568 including comments on employee and community participation in  
569 implementing the project, may be submitted to such committees.

570       Sec. 8. Section 32-479 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
571 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

572       Not later than July 1, 1996, the Commissioner of Economic and  
573 Community Development, the Labor Commissioner, the Connecticut  
574 Development Authority and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated  
575 shall jointly develop goals and objectives and quantifiable outcome  
576 measures related to the percentage of financial assistance which is  
577 being provided to high performance work organizations. The  
578 [Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the] Labor  
579 Commissioner, the Connecticut Development Authority and  
580 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated shall submit an annual report  
581 concerning such goals, objectives and measures to the joint standing  
582 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
583 relating to labor and public employees and the joint standing  
584 committee having cognizance of matters relating to commerce.

585       Sec. 9. Section 32-501 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
586 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

587       (a) The commissioner shall have jurisdiction over the coordination  
588 of trade development activities in the state. The commissioner shall  
589 initiate, conduct and coordinate the implementation of Department of  
590 Economic and Community Development programs to promote and  
591 assist Connecticut businesses with international trade. The  
592 commissioner shall be responsible for planning, developing and  
593 administering such programs and may adopt regulations in  
594 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes  
595 of sections 32-500 to 32-512, inclusive.

596       (b) The commissioner may give priority in such programs to  
597 promoting and assisting Connecticut businesses with regard to trade  
598 with African countries with whom the United States has diplomatic  
599 relations. [Not later than January 1, 1998, the commissioner may

600 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General  
601 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of  
602 Economic and Community Development, concerning his progress in  
603 implementing the provisions of this subsection.]

604 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 4-124z of the general statutes is  
605 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
606 *October 1, 2005*):

607 (a) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness, the Labor  
608 Commissioner, the Commissioners of Economic and Community  
609 Development, Education and Social Services, the Secretary of the  
610 Office of Policy and Management and the Chancellor of the regional  
611 community-technical colleges, in consultation with the superintendent  
612 of the vocational-technical school system and one member of industry  
613 representing each of the economic clusters identified by the  
614 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development pursuant to  
615 section [32-4g] 1 of this act shall (1) review, evaluate and, as necessary,  
616 recommend improvements for certification and degree programs  
617 offered by the vocational-technical school system and the community-  
618 technical college system to ensure that such programs meet the  
619 employment needs of business and industry, and (2) develop strategies  
620 to strengthen the linkage between skill standards for education and  
621 training and the employment needs of business and industry.

622 Sec. 11. Section 10a-12a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
623 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

624 There shall be a Technical Education Coordinating Council. The  
625 council shall consist of the following members: The chairpersons and  
626 ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General  
627 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and  
628 commerce, or their designees; the Commissioners of Higher Education  
629 and Economic and Community Development and the Labor  
630 Commissioner or their designees; the chief executive officers of each  
631 constituent unit of the state system of higher education, or their

632 designees; the president of the Connecticut Conference of Independent  
633 Colleges; the superintendent of the vocational-technical school system;  
634 one member who is a teacher at a regional vocational-technical school  
635 designated by the exclusive representative of the vocational-technical  
636 school teachers' bargaining unit; two members who are parents of  
637 students enrolled in vocational-technical schools designated by the  
638 vocational-technical schools parents' association; one member  
639 representing each of the economic clusters identified pursuant to  
640 section [32-4g] 1 of this act designated by the Commissioner of  
641 Economic and Community Development; one member designated by  
642 the Connecticut Business and Industry Association; one member  
643 designated by the Manufacturing Assistance Council; and one member  
644 designated by the Connecticut Technology Council. The cochairperson  
645 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
646 cognizance of matters relating to education, or their designees, shall  
647 jointly convene a meeting of the council not later than October 1, 1998.  
648 The council shall meet at least six times a year to review and evaluate  
649 the coordinated delivery of technical and technological education to  
650 meet the employment needs of business and industry. The council  
651 shall also explore ways to: (1) Encourage students to pursue technical  
652 careers, including the development or expansion of alternative training  
653 methods that may improve the delivery and accessibility of vocational-  
654 technical training; (2) ensure a successful transition for students from  
655 the regional vocational-technical schools to post secondary education;  
656 and (3) improve public awareness regarding manufacturing careers.  
657 On or before January 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, the  
658 Commissioner of Education shall report, in accordance with section 11-  
659 4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
660 cognizance of matters relating to education and commerce on the  
661 activities of the council in the prior year.

662 Sec. 12. Sections 32-1h, 32-1j and 32-4g of the general statutes are  
663 repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2005*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	8-30g(k)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	8-37s
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	8-37bb(a)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	16a-40b
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	22a-133u(e)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	32-454
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	32-479
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	32-501
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	4-124z(a)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	10a-12a
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	32-1h, 32-1j and 32-4g repealed

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*